

# **RULES AND REGULATIONS**



## **THE TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

LAMAR UNIVERSITY

LAMAR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE - ORANGE

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE - PORT ARTHUR

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY RIO GRANDE COLLEGE

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY - SAN MARCOS

Adopted September 1, 1980  
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- (16) Unauthorized entry into or use of Component buildings, facilities, equipment, or resources, or possession or use of Component keys for unauthorized purposes;
- (17) Failure to maintain a current official mailing address in the Registrar's office and/or giving a false or fictitious address to a Component office or official;
- (18) Making false alarms or reports where the person knowingly initiates, communicates, or circulates a report of a present, past, or future bombing, fire, offense, or other emergency that is known as false or baseless and that would ordinarily cause action by an official or volunteer agency organized to deal with emergencies; place a person in fear of imminent serious bodily injury; or prevent or interrupt the occupation of a building, room, aircraft, automobile, or other mode of conveyance;
- (19) Harassment where the individual intentionally threatens, in person, by telephone, electronically, in writing, or by other means, to take unlawful action against any person and by this action intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly annoys or alarms the recipient or intends to annoy or alarm the recipient;
- (20) Academic dishonesty (see *subparagraph 5.3*);
- (21) Campus disruptive activities (see *subparagraph 5.4*) or disorderly conduct on Component-owned or controlled property or at a Component-sponsored or supervised function that inhibit or interfere with the educational responsibility of the Component community or the Component's social-educational activities shall include but not be limited to: using abusive, indecent, profane or vulgar language; making offensive gestures or displays that tend to incite a breach of the peace; perpetrating fights, assaults, acts of sexual violence, abuse, or threats; or evincing some obviously offensive manner or committing an act that causes a person to feel threatened. Such prohibition includes disorderly classroom conduct that obstructs, interferes with, inhibits and/or disrupts teaching and/or related classroom activities;
- (22) Using authority granted by state law, System rule, or Component policy to deprive any person of his or her civil rights;
- (23) Violation of Component policy relating to electronic network facilities such as local area networks and the Internet;
- (24) Any attempt to commit these prohibited acts.

5.3 Academic Honesty. The Component expects all students to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach and to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. The Component may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to, cheating on an examination or

other academic work, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials.

5.31 "Cheating" includes, but is not limited to:

- (1) Copying from another student's test paper, a laboratory report, other report, or computer files, data listings, and/or programs;
- (2) Using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
- (3) Collaborating, without authorization, with another person during an examination or in preparing academic work;
- (4) Knowingly, and without authorization, using, buying, selling, stealing, transporting, soliciting, copying, or possessing, in whole or in part, the contents of an unadministered test;
- (5) Substituting for another student, permitting any other person; or otherwise assisting any other person to substitute for oneself or for another student in the taking of an examination or test or the preparation of academic work to be submitted for academic credit;
- (6) Bribing another person to obtain an unadministered test or information about an unadministered test;
- (7) Purchasing, or otherwise acquiring and submitting as one's own work any research paper or other writing assignment prepared by an individual or firm. This *Section* does not apply to the typing of the rough and/or final versions of an assignment by a professional typist.

5.32 "Plagiarism" means the appropriation and the unacknowledged incorporation of another's work or idea into one's own work offered for credit.

5.33 "Collusion" means the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing work offered for credit.

5.34 "Abuse of resource materials" means the mutilation, destruction concealment, theft or alteration of materials provided to assist students in the mastery of course materials.

5.35 "Academic work" means the preparation of an essay, dissertation, thesis, report, problem, assignment, or other project that the student submits as a course requirement or for a grade.

5.36 Disciplinary Procedures for Academic Dishonesty.

- (1) Academic Process. All academic dishonesty cases may be first considered and reviewed by the faculty member. If the faculty member believes that an academic penalty is necessary, he/she may assign a penalty but must notify the student of his/her right to appeal to the department chair, the dean and, eventually, to the Vice President for Academic Affairs (whose decision shall be final) before imposition of the penalty. At each step in the process, the student shall be entitled to written notice of the offense and/or of the administrative decision, an opportunity to respond, and an impartial disposition as to the merits of his/her case. After completion of the academic process, the academic officer making final disposition of the case may refer the matter to the Chief Student Affairs Officer for any additional discipline that may be appropriate.
- (2) Disciplinary Process. In the case of flagrant or repeated violations, the Chief Student Affairs Officer may take such additional disciplinary action. No disciplinary action shall become effective against the student until the student has received procedural due process under *Subsection 5.6* and following except as provided under *Subsection 5.15*.
- (3) Honor Code. Notwithstanding *subsection (1)* above, if a Component has adopted an Honor Code which includes an Honor Council that makes decisions on appeals of penalty grades issued by a faculty member and disciplinary action on cases of flagrant or repeated violations, the hearings which consider disciplinary action must afford the students procedural due process under *Subsection 5.6*. Appeals of academic decisions rendered by an Honor Council shall be heard by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and appeals of disciplinary decisions rendered by an Honor Council shall be heard by the Chief Student Affairs Officer. In the event of conflicts, these *Rules and Regulations* shall govern.

5.4 Campus Disruptive Activities. Pursuant to *Education Code, Subsection 51.935* (Disruptive Activities), the Components shall adhere to the following *Rules and Regulations*:

5.41 No person or group of persons acting in concert may intentionally engage in disruptive activity or disrupt a lawful assembly on a Component campus. Disruptive activity means:

- (1) Obstructing or restraining the passage of persons to the campus or an area of the campus or to an exit, entrance, or hallway of any building without the authorization of the administration of the Component;
- (2) Seizing control of an area of a campus or any building or portion of a building for the purpose of interfering with